January 30

1 Kings 19:8-18

“Not Earth, Wind, or Fire!”

8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went
in the strength of that meat forty days and forty
nights unto Horeb the mount of God. 9 And he
came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and,
behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he
said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? 10 And
he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God
of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken
thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain
thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am
left; and they seek my life, to take it away. 11 And
he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before
the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and
a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and
brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the
LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an
earthquake; but the LORD was not in the
earthquake: 12 And after the earthquake a fire;
but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire
a still small voice. 13 And it was so, when Elijah
heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle,
and went out, and stood in the entering in of the
cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him,
and said, What doest thou here, Elijah? 14 And he

said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. 15 And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria: 16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. 17 And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay. 18 Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

The LORD was not in the **wind**.
The LORD was not in the **earthquake**.
The LORD was not in the **fire**.

Where was the LORD?

The LORD was, instead, in a
still, small voice—a motionless
and quiet voice.

In our lives, is the LORD sometimes
found in non-sensationalized situations?

Does God speak to or about individuals in less than dramatic ways—the non-earthquake, non-wind, and non-fire ways?

Are there followers of the still, small voice who dutifully represent scriptural truth despite frail bodies, downplayed or little-known websites, and hidden blogs?

What might be various Baal-types of our time?

Who are the Elijah-types of our day?

Are there any in these times who have not bowed to or kissed modern-day *Baals*?

Are there earthquake-like government leaders, wind-like religious leaders, or fire-like celebrities to whom some people bow and worship?

Do we even hear God's still, small voice when God speaks not in the earthquake, not in the wind, nor in the fire?